

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add new claims 5-8 as follows:

**LISTING OF CURRENT CLAIMS**

Claims 1-4. (Canceled)

5. (New) A battery case assembly for a battery comprising:

a) a battery case having:

- i) a terminal hole located through a peripheral wall thereof; and
- ii) a flange located on an interior surface of the peripheral wall;

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b) a contact member having:

- i) a cylindrical mounting portion inserted through the terminal hole and having a first end riveted to an outer surface of the peripheral wall;

10 ii) a contact portion connected to a second end of the cylindrical mounting portion and engaging a positive terminal of the battery, the contact portion is located on the flange; and

- iii) a connecting portion connecting the contact portion to an electric wire, the connecting portion extending outwardly from the contact portion along a side surface of the flange supporting the connecting portion, the contact portion being spaced apart from a casing of the battery.

15 6. (New) The battery case assembly according to claim 5, wherein the side surface of the flange is a sloping surface.

7. (New) The battery case assembly according to claim 5, wherein the flange has a circular shape.

8. (New) The battery case assembly according to claim 5, wherein the cylindrical mounting portion is hollow.